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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR STABILIZING  
SURFACE BOUND PROBES

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- ☒ Applicant(s) claim small entity status.

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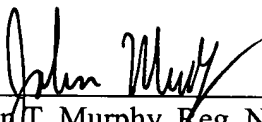
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